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DKG Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

80years"

Message from the Co-Presidents

Dear Eta Sisters,

We hope this message finds you in good spirits and thriving in your educational pursuits. Our journey together as a community of dedicated women educators is nothing short of inspiring. Each one of you contributes to the tapestry of excellence in education, and it is with great pride that we lead this group of passionate and accomplished professionals.



This year has given new challenges and opportunities, and we want to emphasize the strength that lies in our collective knowledge and experiences. As educators, we play a pivotal role in shaping the minds of the next generation. Let us embrace this responsibility with enthusiasm, creativity, and a commitment to fostering an inclusive and empowering learning environment.

As we navigate the academic landscape, let us remain committed to fostering a culture of lifelong learning, resilience, and empowerment. We are confident that, with your dedication and our collective efforts, this year will be marked by significant achievement and a personal growth for each member of our organization.

Thank you for being an integral part of the **Eta Chapter**. Your passion for education is the driving force behind our shared success. Here's to finishing the year filled with collaboration, inspiration, and the continued pursuit of excellence.

Gratefully,

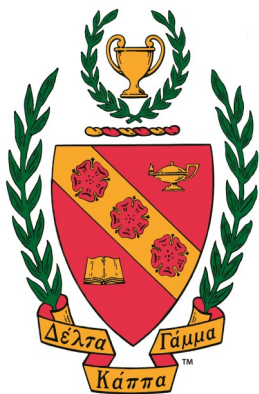
Rosalind Garmon

Elizabeth Lake

"Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11." —

Barack Obama

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Membership Matters

By: Tammy Cullom

RECRUIT the Silver, RETAIN the Gold

"Make new friends, but keep the old; Those are silver, these are gold."

This line, from a poem by Joseph Perry, is familiar to many. It reminds me of our current NC DKG members and how precious each one is.

Recruiting new members is always on the mind of DKG leaders. We want to keep our wonderful society on a growth trend because without growth, DKG will become extinct. While DKG is not on the endangered species list "yet," every chapter must induct new members **EVERY SINGLE YEAR!** To stay alive we must grow. This should be the mission of every chapter member.

Hand in hand with **recruiting** is **RETAINING** our golden NC DKG members. Your current chapter sisters are pure gold. At your next chapter meeting, thank these ladies of gold for keeping their membership, staying involved, and for serving as leaders.

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Happy Birthday to Eta Chapter Members

January

20th Annette Andrews

20th Harriette Davis

21st LaToya McCrimmon

25th Tammy Baggett

March

2nd Stephenie Pruett

29th Starletta Williamson

April

7th Elizabeth Mills

8th Sylvia Venturini

May

20th Mattie Perry Johnson



ATTENTION ETA CHAPTER MEMBERS

Please submit your prospect cards to any member of the Membership Committee. In accordance with the Membership Plan, the chapter will vote before any contact is made with the prospect.

Membership Committee members are: Lois Brooks, Stephenie Pruett, and Carolyn Vincent.

DKG Prospect Card	
Name	_____
Address	_____
E-mail	_____
Employer	_____
Position	_____
Phone	_____
Sponsor	_____



BT Support

By Cheryl Wright

Beginning teacher Support Committee Chair

The Beginning Teachers Support Committee would like to ask all chapter presidents to please remind their members to encourage beginning teachers in their county to apply for our Beginning Teacher's Award.

Also, chapter presidents, please bestow the Beginning Teacher Excelling (BEE) Award on deserving teachers in your county and send us their names.



Recording Secretary Report

By: Carolyn Vincent

Members in Attendance:

Annetta Andrews
 Harriette Davis
 Elizabeth Lake
 Gloria Quick

Tomika Altman
 Shyvonne Steed Foster
 LaToya McCrimmon

Lois Brooks
 Maria Johnson
 Stephenie Pruett

Joint Meeting with Beta Iota and Eta Chapters

The Beta Iota and Eta Chapter meeting was held on Saturday, January 20th at the Trosa Conference Room at 1820 James Street, Durham, NC. The Guest Speaker was a Trosa resident named Ashley. She has been in the program for 23 months. It is a rehabilitation program that gives medical, housing, and teaching residents to prepare to reenter society as a whole person. If they lack a high school diploma, getting a GED is required. They are offered employment with Trosa after the completion of the program.

Beta Iota President Nancy Cox, presided for first half of the meeting. She shared their Chapter (before it is dissolved and they unite with Eta) will be audited by her neighbor who is an Accountant. The State has given Beta permission to write a check for the balance by the March meeting.

Eta Chapter Report

- Harriette Davis and Annette Andrews did a great job at the memorial service for longtime member Sylvia Venturina.
- Latoya McCrimmon presented ETA Beginning Teacher grants to Lucy Bergwell (Jordan HS) and Alexia Brogna (Southwest Elementary).
- Gloria Quick, 85th Anniversary Chair, reported our guest speaker for the 85th Anniversary celebration in June 15 is Dr. Teresa Cowan. The ticket cost is \$38 per person. The Beta Iota Chapter members were invited.
- Dr. Latoya Mc Crimmon, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$6,114.61. Also, we are reducing our dues to \$100 (to be voted by the body). It is noted Beta Iota's dues are \$80. Eta and Beta Iota Treasurers will meet prior to the State Convention.
- Carolyn Vincent shared the Membership Prospect cards and reminded members that Recruiting is one of our NCDKG State goals.
- Beta Iota and ETA Chapters discussed the Book Club selection: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Announcement

- Eta has an Emergency Members Zoom meeting on February 8th at 7:00 pm to discuss the Chapter Strategic Action Plan and the 2024 Rules update.
- The Ad for NCDKG State Convention is due March 15. Region II is the host for the Convention on April 26, 27, and 28.
- Beta Iota and Eta will merge at the State Convention on Friday Night, April 26. Elizabeth Lake is participating in the merger ceremony.
- The next **in person** ETA meeting is scheduled for **March 9th**. The objective is to give certificates; pins and to recognize members with 20 plus years. The \$38 tickets for the 85th Anniversary will be available for purchase. The June 15th event is at the University Club in Durham, NC.
- The June meeting is a **transition** one with only new and old officers.

DKG Profiles



As part of your DKG membership, all members are allowed to log into www.dkg.org to experience a wealth of information and resources. You can join various communities around the world, participate in leadership webinars, find information about Schools for Africa, obtain scholarship information, experience the DKG Fine Arts Gallery, attend conferences virtually, and experience the chapter, state, and international DKG.

Please complete your DKG Profile today! Go to www.dkg.org. Use your six digit member number to log in. The default password is **dkg2014society**. Once in, you'll be prompted to change your password.

That's it! You now have a wealth of information at your fingertips!
(Our treasurer can give you that member number if you don't have it).

Please remember to update your contact information so your Eta chapter presidents, secretaries, and treasurer will have it if needed!

Eta Chapter Membership Committee



Make plans now to come to Durham for the 2024 NC DKG Convention! The dates are April 26-28, 2024. [Get all the details](#)



Educational Excellence Mentoring and Leadership Development Begins Now

By: Janie Webb
First Vice-President

As chapters are now in full swing, leaders must identify members who need to be mentored and their leadership skills to be developed. To be a successful mentor, one must be positive and develop meaningful relationships with all members. When one recognizes a member with leadership potential, further develop the relationship by noting positives that reveal that capability. Let them know how they impact and enhance chapter projects, meetings, and other activities. Mentoring is building relationships, and good mentoring ensures success for chapters and their current and future leaders.

Beginning Teacher Support Committee Notes

By: Linda Little Beginning Teacher
Committee Member



Do you know about The Buzzing Bee Certificate? You can find it on our Beginning Teacher Support Committee [webpage](#). Our committee is an advocate for initially licensed educators 0-4 years in the classroom. "BEE" stands for Beginning Educator Excelling. Just think of the time you were a beginning teacher and how you felt when a veteran teacher came to your rescue. Your chapter can identify beginning teachers within your system, create relationships, and invite them to your meetings. We can benefit from them by their expertise in technology and social media. Take a look on our [webpage](#) and become an advocate for The Buzzing Bee!

Our Treasured Roses

By Carolyn Vincent, Membership Chair



During this biennium, Eta Chapter lost two treasured Roses!

In June of 2023, our hearts were saddened by the passing of Mrs. Jessie Saunders. Her membership spanned forty-four years as she served on many committees as well as co-president.

Most recently in December, we were again saddened by Sylvia Venturini's death. Sylvia's membership spanned forty-nine years, where she served on various committees, and two terms as Eta president. As Regional Director for Region V, which includes Orange, Granville, Alamance, Person, Chatham and Durham counties, Sylvia was our state representative.

These Eta Roses stood firm for our chapter and performed any and all duties with dignity, respect, compassion, competence, and humor. Both ladies had incredible smiles which they shared abundantly while presiding over meetings, encouraging younger members, reminding us of procedures, encouraging our community involvement, and representing us in various educational endeavors.

We remember and honor our time with "Our Treasured Roses" and we are forever grateful for the impact these "Roses" have left on Eta Chapter and each of us individually.





NCDKG Convention Project Calling All Eta Chapter Members!!!!

The NCDKG Convention Project is The Durham Rescue Mission!

Celebrating fifty years, the Durham Rescue Mission provides food, shelter, clothing, counseling, educational programs to men, women, and children in need.

There are several ways to support this convention project as indicated below.

Ways You can HELP

Financial Donations

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[Sponsorship Program](#)

Physical Goods donations

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[Donate a Vehicle](#)

[Donate Real Estate](#)

Free Contributions

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[Volunteer](#)

[Attend our Events](#)

Please show your [support!](#)

Beginning Teacher Grants

By Carolyn Vincent, Membership Chair

Eta Chapter presented two Beginning Teacher Grants to two teachers at our January chapter meeting!



Congratulations to:
Lucy Bergwell of Jordan High
Alexa Brogna of Southwest Elementary

We are excited for the experiences that lie ahead for our beginning teachers and pledge to provide our friendship and support as we promote their personal and professional growth as well as excellence in education!

2023 MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

We honor and celebrate you for your years of service and dedication to Eta Chapter!!



Rosalind Garmon



Maria Johnson

Carolyn Vincent



Gloria Quick



Annetta Andrews

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

2022-2024 Eta Officers

Co-President

Rosalind Garmon
Elizabeth Lake

Vice President

Jennifer Campbell

Recording Secretary

Lois Brooks

Corresponding Secretary

Harriette Davis

Treasurer

LaToya McCrimmon

Parliamentarian

Maria Johnson

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DATES TO REMEMBER ETA CHAPTER

April 26-28 NC DKG Convention, Durham

July 9-13 DKG International Convention
National Harbor, Maryland (Gaylord National, D.C. Area)

June 30-July 4, 2026 Auora, Colorado (Gaylord Rockies)



Members, check The Eta Chapter Google drive for Officers and Committee Reports.

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